

Oct 27th, 2022

Sent on behalf of the Fraser Health Integrated Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Services

UPDATE COVID-19 LTC/AL Visitor Guidelines

- The Provincial Health Office (PHO) has recently confirmed that no changes to the COVID-19 LTC/AL Visitor guideline are planned for the near future, *with respect to the requirements for visitors to provide proof of vaccination and to be tested (Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT))*.
- There have been questions with other aspects of the guidelines, particularly regarding the restrictions on visitors participating in large indoor gatherings and what restrictions apply to visitor participation in smaller indoor activities. The PHO's has indicated they will be reviewing and providing clarification with potential adjustments of the guidelines other than the vaccination and testing requirements.

NEW Important Notice – FLUAD Influenza Vaccine

- Please be advised, due to limited supply and shipment delays, FLUAD influenza vaccine may not be available when ordered.
- BCCDC has provided guidance should FLUAD be unavailable for patient's 65 years and older living in the community, FLUZONE Quadrivalent influenza vaccine should be provided.
- Please continue to place FLUAD vaccine orders through the [online vaccine order request form](#).
- If FLUAD is available it will be provided for the order, if not available you will receive FLUZONE Quadrivalent.
- See attached FLAUD notice

REMINDER Integrated RAI Reporting System (IRRS) Report Refresh Initiative: Survey Link for LTC Affiliate sites

- As part of the planning phase for the Integrated RAI Reporting System (IRRS) Project, the BC Ministry of Health is conducting an impact analysis assessment for the implementation of the updated suite of clinical assessment instruments and IRRS in BC. **See attached information briefing for Affiliated Operators.**
- The BC Ministry of Health has hired consulting firm Accenture to engage with Health Authorities and conduct the impact analysis assessment. The outcome of this work will be a final report outlining gaps, barriers, estimates, and considerations that will aid in the detailed implementation planning in each Health Authority region.
- Please complete the survey link below by **November 4th, 2022**
- We recognize the transition to the new assessment tools has a large impact to you as a provider, and your response is very valuable for planning. We thank you for your participation.
- **SURVEY LINK:** <https://forms.office.com/r/J9WqGR9fR0>
- If you have any questions please contact Jay Estoque at melecio.estoque@fraserhealth.ca or Samantha Stevens at Samantha.Stevens@fraserhealth.ca.

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UPDATE Awareness of Hazardous Drug Precautions: Updates to Provincial Exposure Control Plan and Provincial Hazardous Drugs List

- There is a new BC Provincial Hazardous Drugs List and Hazardous Drugs Exposure Control Plan.
- **An information session is being held on November 17th, from 1330 – 1430 to discuss the changes.**
- Please see attached KYI for more information and meeting link

NEW Tools to Evaluate your Summer Heat Season Planning, Preparation and Response from the Emergency Management Working Group

- We are providing you with tools linked below to allow you to carry out an evaluation of this summer's heat season within your care home to better understand what worked and what can be improved upon next year for your team and your residents
- The tools are designed to promote free and open exchange of ideas and thoughts
- Explore how your team performed with planning, preparation & response for the summer heat season
 - Were the standard, escalated and emergency measures implemented?
 - Were they successful when implemented?
- Evaluate site coordination to a heat event and identify how you may improve next year
- The after action report, presentation template and facilitator guide can be found: [Evaluation section in the Emergency Management Website](#)

NEW Excellent News: It's Canadian Patient Safety Week

- Thank you for your support of this year's campaign: [Press Play on Safety Conversations.](#)
- When we have safety conversations, it changes the way we think about safety. Ask questions, listen, and act. With health systems under strain, it's more important now than ever. We can help you carry on the conversation with resources and opportunities.

FOR ASSISTED LIVING ONLY:

***NEW *** Substance use educational opportunity for Assisted Living staff

- Target Audience includes: AL Operators/Managers, AL Clinical Leads, AL Nurses, AL workers/Care Staff and AL CHN
- The session will be held on November 21st from 1300-1430.
- The session includes intro to substance use, addictions, stigma, and practical interventions
- Please see attached KYI for more information and meeting details
- For more information please contact Dona.Lajeunesse@fraserhealth.ca or Meghan.Bryant@fraserhealth.ca